By the rough torrent of occasion:
And have the summary of all our griefs*
When time shall serve, to show in articles ;
Which, long ere this, we offer'd to the king,
And might by no suit gain our audience :
When we are wrong'd, and would unfold our griefs*
We are denied access[2] unto his person
Even by those men that most have done us wrong.
The dangers of the days but newly gone,
(Whose memory is written on the earth
With yet-appearing blood,) and the examples
Of every minute's instance[a], (present now,)
Have put us in these ill-beseeming arms :
Not to break peace[4], or any branch of it ;
But to establish here a peace indeed,
Concurring both in name and quality.
fFIEsr When ever yet was your appeal denied ?
Wherein you have been galled by the king ?
What peer hath been suborn'd to grate on you ?
That you should seal this lawless bloody book

[2] We are denied access —] The Archbishop says, in Holinshed: "Where he and his companie were in armes, it was for feare of the king, to whom he could have no free accesse, by reason of such a multitude of flatterers, as were about him." STEEVENS.

3 Of every minuted INSTANCE,] The *examples* of an *instance* does not convey, to me at least, a very clear idea. The frequent corruptions that occur in the old copies in words of this kind, make me suspect that our author wrote :

" Of every minute's *instants-* /

i. e. the examples furnished not only every minute, but during the most minute division of a minute.—Instance, however, is elsewhere used by Shakspeare for *example*; and he has similar pleonasms in other places. MALONE.

" Examples of every minute's instance ** are, I believe, examples which every minute supplies, which every minute presses on <our notice. STEEVENS.

[4] Not to break peace,] " He took nothing in

hand against the
Mud's peace, but that whatsoever he did, tended
rather to advance
the peace and quiet of the commonwealth.*
Archbishop's speech
in Holinshed. STEEVENS.